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STATE TO OFFER FOOD AND CASH ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE LOW INCOME FLOOD VICTIMS PROGRAMS FOR DESIGNATED DISASTER COUNTIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Human Services is working quickly to address some of the basic immediate needs of the low-income families and individuals affected by the devastating storms and floods that swept through Tennessee the weekend of April 30th. **The programs will begin on Thursday, May 13 and only be available for SEVEN days in counties that have received a presidential disaster declaration. DHS offices in affected counties will be open this Saturday.**

The federal Food Stamp disaster program has been approved by the USDA to serve individuals and households not currently enrolled in the program as well as providing additional benefits for those families currently enrolled in the program. Food Stamp disaster benefits are available to households that meet the following criteria:

- Reside in a county that has been designated as a federal disaster area
- Have unreimbursed expenses because of storm/flood-related property damage or loss
- Have an adjusted income below the Food Stamp disaster income limit after allowing for disaster-related expenses

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Each addl. Member
Disaster Income Limit	\$1503	\$1815	\$2126	\$2450	\$2788	\$3125	\$3437	+\$312
Disaster Food Stamp Amount	\$200	\$367	\$526	\$668	\$793	\$952	\$1052	+\$150

In addition, DHS is operating a replacement Food Stamp program for current beneficiaries that experienced food loss due to power outages but did not have other flood related damage. If a recipient lost power for more than 12 hours due to severe storms, replacement benefits can be made available for the food that was spoiled. Recipients must report the loss to DHS by May 21, 2010.

The state has also created a short-term emergency cash assistance program for low-income individuals and families who have registered with FEMA. Cash payments of \$250 are available to one and two person households or \$500 for households of three or more individuals. Household income cannot exceed 130 percent of the federal poverty limit, and the applicant must live in one of the counties designated as a federal disaster area. The applicant's home or apartment must be uninhabitable on the date of application or the home requires repairs due to damage from the disaster.

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gross Monthly Income	\$1174	\$1579	\$1984	\$2389	\$2794	\$3200	\$3605

Request for assistance **must** be made at the local DHS office in the designated disaster counties. Disaster emergency cash and Food Stamp (SNAP) assistance programs will be available for seven (7) days beginning Thursday, May 13 and run through Thursday, May 20. Offices will be open on Saturday, May 15 but will be closed on Sunday. DHS office hours for the affected counties during the seven days that these emergency programs are in operation will be 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit the DHS website at www.tn.gov/humanserv.

Residents throughout Tennessee can also call **2-1-1** for Food Stamp/SNAP and other disaster information or visit the TEMA website at www.tnema.org. For a list of DHS offices in the affected areas, see the following page:

CITIZENS PLAZA, 15TH FLOOR
400 DEADERICK STREET
NASHVILLE, TN 37248
615.313.4700

Office Name	Address 1	City	Phone Number
DHS Benton County Office	272 Hwy 641 N	Camden	(731) 584-4712
DHS Carroll County Office	20810 Main Street, East	Huntingdon	(731) 986-2554
DHS Cheatham County Office	286 Frey Street, Suite 101	Ashland City	(615) 792-5628
DHS Chester County Office	525 North Church Avenue	Henderson	(731) 989-5144
DHS Clay County Office	141 East Lake Avenue	Celina	(931) 243-3183
DHS Crockett County Office	169 N. Cherry Street	Alamo	(731) 696-5441
DHS Davidson County Office	1000 2nd Avenue, North	Nashville	(615) 532-4000
DHS Decatur County Office	669 West Main	Decaturville	(731) 852-2981
DHS Dekalb County Office	715 Walker Drive	Smithville	(615) 597-4725
DHS Dickson County Office	250 State Street	Dickson	(615) 740-2251
DHS Dyer County Office	1979 St. John Avenue, Suite E	Dyersburg	(731) 286-8305
DHS Fayette County Office	18125 Highway 64	Somerville	(901) 465-7334
DHS Gibson County Office	2205 Highway 45 By-Pass South	Trenton	(731) 855-7800
DHS Hardeman County Office	795 Tennessee Street	Bolivar	(731) 658-5545
DHS Hardin County Office	1035A Wayne Road	Savannah	(731) 925-4968
DHS Haywood County Office	1199 South Dupree	Brownsville	(731) 772-4242
DHS Henderson County Office	37 College Drive	Lexington	(731) 968-3652
DHS Hickman County Office	108 Progress Center Plaza	Centerville	(931) 729-4212
DHS Houston County Office	21 Store Front Drive	Erin	(931) 289-4105
DHS Humphreys County Office	1203 Hwy, 70 West	Waverly	(931) 296-4227
DHS Jackson County Office	307 S. Murray Street	Gainesboro	(931) 268-0235
DHS Lauderdale County Office	417 S. Washington Street	Ripley	(731) 635-4141
DHS Lawrence County Office	527 Crews Street, Suite A	Lawrenceburg	(931) 766-1400
DHS Lewis County Office	47 Smith Avenue	Hohenwald	(931) 796-4971
DHS Macon County Office	315 Hwy 52- E Bypass	Lafayette	(615) 666-4041
DHS Madison County Office	1124 Whitehall Street, Suite E	Jackson	(731) 426-0873
DHS Maury County Office	1400 College Park Drive, Suite B	Columbia	(931) 380-2552
DHS McNairy County Office	855 E. Poplar Street	Selmer	(731) 645-7994
DHS Montgomery County Office	350 Pageant Lane, Suite 301	Clarksville	(931) 648-5500
DHS Obion County Office	1416 Stad Avenue	Union City	(731) 884-2603
DHS Perry County Office	113 Factory Street	Linden	(931) 589-2193
DHS Robertson County Office	809 Mabel Street	Springfield	(615) 382-2402
DHS Rutherford County Office	1711B Old Fort Parkway	Murfreesboro	(615) 848-5153
DHS Shelby County Office	3230 Jackson Avenue	Memphis	(901) 320-7200
DHS Shelby County Office	3360 South Third Street	Memphis	(901) 344-5040
DHS Smith County Office	105 Eatherly Landing	Carthage	(615) 735-9740
DHS Stewart County Office	1011 Spring Street	Dover	(931) 232-5304
DHS Sumner County Office	393 Maple Street, Suite 200	Gallatin	(615) 451-5814
DHS Tipton County Office	724 Highway 51 North, Naifeh Plaza	Covington	(901) 475-2505
DHS Trousdale County Office	205 E. Main Street	Hartsville	(615) 374-3513
DHS Wayne County Office	536A Hwy, 64 East	Waynesboro	(931) 722-3431
DHS Williamson County Office	203-B Beasley Drive	Franklin	(615) 790-5500
DHS Wilson County Office	712 N. Cumberland	Lebanon	(615) 443-2746

*as of May 12, 2010